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Homeland Security Committee

Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, Chairman



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Homeland Security Committee Schedule for the Week of May 4-8, 2009

Current as of April 30, 2009

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 @ 2pm
1300 Longworth House Office Building

“Review of the National Animal Identification System”

• Joint Subcommittee Hearing -- Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology and the Committee on Agriculture's Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry

Witness: Dr. John Clifford, DVM, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Tom McGinn, DVM, Director, Food, Agriculture, and Veterinary (FAV) Defense, Office of Health Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Kevin Kirk, Michigan Department of Agriculture; Dr. David C. Smith, DVM, Assistant Director, Division of Animal Industry, New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets; Dr. Jerry Gillespie, DVM, former Director of the Western Institute for Food Safety at UC Davis

This hearing is the Committee's opportunity to influence the debate by publicly declaring the Committee's position in support of the urgent need for an animal identification system. In the event of an animal disease outbreak, an identification system would help animal health officials to rapidly identify premises, trace animals, and respond with appropriate actions at the national level.

There will be no webcast of this hearing.

Thursday, May 7, 2009 @ 10am
311 Cannon House Office Building

“Implementing the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative at Land and Sea Ports”

• Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism

Witnesses: Richard Barth, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development, Department of Homeland Security; Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; John Brennan, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony from the Departments of Homeland Security and State regarding the preparations for implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative at land and sea ports on June 1, 2009.

There will be a webcast of this hearing.

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